

Coatzospan Mixtec

Coatzospan Mixtec (Coatzóspam Mixtec) is a [Mixtec language](#) of Oaxaca spoken in the town of [San Juan Coatzospan](#).

Phonology

Consonants in parentheses are marginal:

Consonants^[3]

m		n	ŋ		
(p)		t		k	kʷ
(mb)		nd		(ng)	(ngʷ)
		ts	t̪ ~ tʃ		
		(ndz)	(nd̪ ~ ndʒ)		
β	ð (ð̪)	(s)	ʃ		
		l (r)			

In women's speech, /t/ is realized as [tʃ] before front vowels.

Vowel qualities are /a ɿ e i o u/. Vowels may be oral or nasal, creaky or modal, long or short: e.g. /kɿ :/ "to go". /o/ is apparently never contrastively nasalized, though it may be phonetically nasalized due to assimilation with a nasal vowel in a following syllable, and morphologically nasalized for the second-person familiar (e.g. /kɿʃi/ 'to come', /kɿʃi/ 'you will come'). The preceding vowel nasalizes only if the intervening consonant is voiced, or in some words /ʃ/. Nonetheless, even voiceless fricatives and affricates are phonetically nasalized in such environments: [β, ð, tʃ, ʃ]; the nasalization is visible in the flaring of the nostrils.

The first vowel of a disyllable is creaky if the second consonant is voiceless (except for /ʃ/); only when C2 is voiced or /ʃ/ can there be a contrast between creaky and modal vowels in V1. The irregular behavior /ʃ/ is apparently due to it deriving from proto-Mixtec from both voiceless velar */x/ and voiced */j/ ("*y"). It is words in which /ʃ/ derives from *j that allow V1 to be nasalized or contrastively modally voiced.

Tones are ...

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Coatzospan Mixtec	
	(San Juan Coatzóspam)
Native to	Mexico
Region	Oaxaca
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